

3rd Quarter Employee Recognition

Fire Inspector Robert Taylor

Fire Inspector Robert Taylor originally hails from Buffalo, New York. He moved to Florida in 1989 and later began his career with the Town of Davie as a Code Enforcement Officer in December of 1998. In November of 2000, he was hired by the Fire Rescue Department as a State Certified Fire Inspector. Since becoming a member of the professional Fire Service, Bob joined the Police Pipe and Drum Corps, and is a student piper appearing at several Police and Fire Department functions as well as competitions with other bands. Currently he is working on his Fire Science Associate's degree at BCC and is two courses away from the State Fire Inspector level II certification and one course from Fire Arson Investigator certification. He is married with two children, Abigail age 13, and Drew age 8. In addition to his daily tasks, Inspector Taylor took the initiative to research the internet and found a website that offered free smoke alarms. It was a subsidiary of Kidde Corp., in Georgia. This research resulted in the receipt of 200 free Kidde Smoke Alarms. This effectively doubled the Fire Marshal's program entitled "Smoke Busters" program's ability to reach Davie residents in need. The smoke alarms are being distributed to the homes of the elderly, financially challenged, and single parented homes in Davie under the auspices of the Fire Marshal's "Smoke Busters" program. With great pleasure, Inspector Robert Taylor is selected for the 3rd Quarter Employee Recognition Award for going above and beyond the call of duty. If you need an alarm you may call 954-797-1229 to see if you qualify.

Gail McGowan

Gail McGowan was born in Pennsylvania, but her hometown is Virginia Beach. She started as a nighttime computer operator for the City of Virginia Beach and has a BA in Microsoft Certified Systems Engineering and is a Cisco Certified Network Associate with A+ Certification. Gail began her career with the Town of Davie in May 2003 as an Information Systems Specialist. She is a very dedicated employee who goes above and beyond the tasks that are requested of her. She has a positive attitude towards her work and is always willing to assist her fellow employees and others in any way she can. When the Town's EOC committee was called to set up operations at the Police Department for Hurricane Jeanne, Gail drove her personal car during hurricane warnings to assist members of the group with computer technical issues. Gail spent over 24 hours on-site assisting and resolving issues. Although FEMA determined the area to be a disaster and employees were compensated for their time spent at the EOC after the fact; at the time Gail volunteered her assistance, compensation was unknown and unexpected, which exemplifies her willingness and selfless efforts in meeting the needs of those around her. Gail is the epitome of an excellent employee and a great asset to our Town.

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